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SUBJECT: GOG DENIES MILITARY AGREEMENT WITH USSR PLANNED

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOURCES DENIED AUGUST 17 REPORTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY IN MOSCOW FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREECE AND USSR. THE MFA SOURCES STATED THAT REPORTS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT "DO NOT CORRESPOND TO REALITY."

2. DENIAL PROMPTED BY APPEARANCE EARLIER IN DAY AUGUST 17 OF PROMINENT FRONTPAGE STORE IN ATHINAIKI WHICH CARRIED BANNER HEADLINES "MILITARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATHENS AND MOSCOW". NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT CITED BBC SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT STANLEY MAYS AS SOURCE FOR REPORT. WHILE BA-BONED STORY MERELY ALLEGED

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IN GENERAL TERMS THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FORMULATION OF A GREEK-SOVIET DEFENSE AGREEMENT WERE UNDERWAY, IT ALSO QUOTED A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN ATHENS STATING THAT INQUIRIES ON THE MATTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE GREEK EMBASSY IN MOSCOW SINCE "IN ADDITION TO OUR INTENTIONS, THE GREEK
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EMBASSY HAS MUCH OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS WELL."

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